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 OF ABSORBENT COMPOSITES

Amendment Transmittal Letter

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

Claims As Amended

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
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Respectfully submitted,

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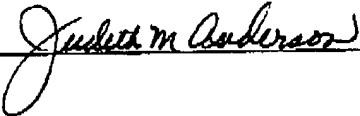
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Amendment After Final Rejection Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Office Action in which the Examiner **finally rejected** claims 1 - 19 and which was mailed on January 23, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration. These amendments and remarks are offered in order to either reduce or, at the least more clearly define, the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner.

Amendments to the Specifications begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.